

March 2, 1977

Bill Heitmann

Funeral services for Willie (Bill) Heitmann, 72, retired farmer, were at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, 1977, at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Maines officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mr. Heitmann died suddenly at St. Luke's Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Kenneth Alberts, organist, accompanied Lee Schinkel as he sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Honorary casketbearers were Dale Dunker, Gilbert Erdmann, Ray Johnson, Juel Kolbo, Louis Krueger, Arthur Lange, Elmer Messing and Otho Rix. Active casketbearers were Alvin Abeln, Donald Clocksene, Reuben Lehman, Earl Ruden, Richard Ruden and Lloyd Strom.

Bill Heitmann was born June 22, 1904, at Lake City. He attended school and grew to manhood there. He married Ellen Johnson September 26, 1940, at Webster, and they established their home on the Johnson farm west of Groton which he farmed until his retirement. They continued to live on the farm and he was employed by Juel Egg Co. until his death.

He was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, a member of the official board and board of trustees of the church. He was a 30-year-member of the Groton Masonic Lodge and served on the Henry Township board for 27 years.

Survivors include his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey (Jean) Wetjen of Warren, Mich.; and four brothers, Carl and Otto of Lake City, Harry of Britton and George of Maddock, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.